Fire in Sri Ram Food and Fertilizer Plant of DCM

2836. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry has been made into the recent incident of major fire in the Sri Ram Food and Fertilizer Plant of the DCM Limited at Nazafgarh, Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the loss caused in the production of vanaspati and refined oil in the plant due to the fire; and

(d) whether the production of vanaspati and refined oil has been resumed again in the factory?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration, an enquiry was ordered into the incident of recent fire in the Sri Ram Food & Fertilizer Plant of DCM Ltd., at Nazafgarh Road, Delhi. The report is under consideration of the Delhi administration.

(c) There has been no loss in the production of vanaspati. However, an estimated loss of 75 MT of refined oil has been reported.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Agitation against the damage to the Himalayan eco-system due to deforestation

2837. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing agitation by the people regarding the damage caused to the Himalayan eco-system due to the deforestation and the fractures caused to the hills as a result of construction of the Tehri Dam Project; and

(b) if so, whether Government are reconsidering the whole project in order to safeguard the Himalayan eco-system?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of multisensor plane from Canada

2838. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state what are the reasons for importing from Canada a multisensor plane for airborne geographical survey when the electromagnetic system developed and tested in India by the National Geographical Research Institute is technologically superior and used successfully for long distances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): Geological Survey of India has imported an aircraft from Canada with provision for multisensor geophysical system for carrying out aerial geophysical surveys. The indigenous electromagnetic system developed and tested by National Geophysical Research Institute could not be utilised as NGRI were not given clearance by the appropriate authority to fly the system aboard the particular aircraft available with them. Hence, the question of non-utilisation of indigenous technology does not arise. The Twin Otter Aircraft is equipped with the latest Scintrex Multi Sensor system which is an Integrated Package comprising High Sensitivity Magnetometer, multichannel Radiometric system (with no